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SUBJECT: NSF PROPOSALS - S,T&E COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP

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1. PRACTICES AS TO COMPENSATION RATES FOR PROJECT DEVELOP-
MENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD RECOVERY VARY CONSIDERABLY
FROM AGENCY TO AGENCY; E.G. PERCENTAGES OF OVERHEAD CHARGED
RANGE BETWEEN 2 AND 40. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR A RATION-
ALIZED OR STANDARD FIGURE. WE HAVE NOT PURSUED QUESTION
TO POINT OF ESTABLISHING PERCENTAGE FIGURES FOR VARIATIONS
IN SERVICES FOR EACH AGENCY, SINCE THESE WOULD IN PART
DEPEND ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET GOI AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO
REIMBURSEMENT IN SOME AMOUNT OR PERCENTAGE OF USG AGENCIES
FOR PROJECT OR ACTIVITY DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS OVERHEAD
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AND IMPLEMENTATION COSTS. HOWEVER, OUR VIEW IS THAT WHAT

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CONSTITUTES A CHARGEABLE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OR OVERHEAD COST AND THE ACCEPTABLE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE GOI AND THE USG AGENCIES OR ENTITIES IN THE PLANNING STAGES.

3. THE NSF COST ESTIMATES FORWARDED ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ESTIMATES. ACTUAL COSTS CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER DR. PARSA AND NSF AGREE ON PRECISELY WHAT INSTITUTIONS ARE TO BE VISITED, FOR WHAT PERIODS OF TIME AND WITH WHAT ANCILLARY SERVICES; E.G., ESCORTS, INTERPRETERS, BRIEFINGS. IT WAS NOT THE DESIRE OF NSF TO HAVE THE PLANNED PROGRAM GET HUNG UP OVER WHETHER $10,000 IS A PROPER COST FOR A BRIEFING.

4. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, REQUEST EMB ADVISE DR. PARSA THAT THE NSF COST ESTIMATES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE, AND WOULD VARY WITH THE NATURE OF THE PROGRAM. HENCE, FUNDING FIGURE CAN BE FIXED ONLY AFTER ITINERARY AND DESIRED ANCILLARY SERVICES ARE DETERMINED. WE WOULD NEED HIS RESPONSE IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY COST THIS OUT. WITH RESPECT TO THE BRIEFING/DEBRIEFING ITEMS, ALTHOUGH WE FEEL SOME ORIENTATIO DISCUSSIONS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS AT VARIOUS STAGES OF VISITS ARE DESIRABLE, IT IS NOT REPEAT NOT INTENDED THAT THE $10,000 ITEM FOR THIS SERVICE BE CONSIDERED EITHER A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ARRANGEMENTS OR A FLAT FIXED FEE. THE EXACT NATURE AND USEFULNESS OF THIS SERVICE, AND ITS COST, IF ANY, WOULD BE AGREED ON BY NSF AND THE APPROPRIATE GOI ENTITY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHARGE FOR MERELY PARTICIPATION BY USG EMPLOYEES FROM SEVERAL IF NOT MOST USG AGENCIES IN THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY.
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